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1. The Voenna Aeroplanna Fabrika (Military Airplane Factory) in Vazovgrad (N 42-38, E 24-46; formerly Sopot) is equipped to produce spare parts for airplanes and to replace worn out parts of airplane engines. Approximately 400-500 employees work at this factory.
2. The Azoten Zavod (Nitrogen Plant) in Dimitrovgrad (N 42-04, E 25-37) was set up, under the direction of Soviets, at the end of World War II. This is the largest complex of its kind in Bulgaria and is still in the process of being enlarged. A third smokestack was constructed in the early part of 1954. Additional nitrogen plants are allegedly located in Pleven and Batanovtsi (N 42-37, E 22-57). 25X1
3. The "Anton Ivanov" (formerly "Balkan") Factory in Plovdiv was formed after World War II when the Ivanov Factory merged with the neighboring Balkan Factory. It is located in front of the Plovdiv main railway station, approximately 30-40 meters from the railway line to Sofia. The "Ivanov" section of the factory produces presses, textile machinery, lathes, and drills; the "Balkan" section produces metal wire, nails, and metal stoves, etc. A total of approximately 600 workers are employed in these two factories.
4. Mining operations at Madan (N 41-30, E 24-57) were started by the Germans and are now handled by the Soviets who have taken over direction of the work here with their own technicians. Until a few years ago the ore was transported by rail to the USSR. Now the ore is stockpiled in Kurdzhali where work is in progress on the completion of an industrial complex for the processing of uranium ore. GORUBSO has employed approximately 2,000 workers who are very well paid. The ore is apparently transported by air (sic) to Kurdzhali, since there are no railways connecting Kurdzhali and Madan directly.
5. The "Stalin" Hydroelectric basin near Studena (N 42-32, E 23-08) is nearing completion and will be about 15 kilometers long. The electrical energy produced will supply Sofia and Pernik (now Dimitrovo) as well as the new single-track electric railway line connecting these two localities. This line will also serve to carry the ore extracted from the Pernik coal mines which is now carried by steam engine on the Sofia-Radomir line.

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